

645—221.9(136C,147,149) Renewal requirements.

221.9(1) The biennial renewal period for a certificate to practice as a podiatry assistant shall extend from July 1 of each even-numbered year until June 30 of the next even-numbered year. Beginning July 1, 2000, the continuing education compliance period shall extend from July 1 of each even-numbered year until June 30 of the next even-numbered year.

An application and a continuing education report form for renewal of certificate to practice as a podiatry assistant shall be mailed to the licensee at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the certificate. Failure to receive the renewal application shall not relieve the certificate holder of the obligation to pay biennial renewal fees on or before the renewal date.

221.9(2) Beginning July 1, 2000, the continuing education compliance period will coincide with the renewal compliance period. The certificate holder shall submit to the board office 30 days before certificate expiration the application and continuing education report form with the renewal fee as specified in rule 221.10(136C). Individuals who were issued their initial certificate within six months of certificate renewal will not be required to renew their certificate until the next renewal two years later. The new certificate holder shall be exempt from meeting the continuing education requirement for the continuing education biennium in which the initial certificate is originally issued. Podiatry assistants will be required to report two hours of continuing education for the first renewal and every renewal thereafter.

Continuing education requirements can be satisfied by attending courses in diagnostic radiography conducted by teaching institutions approved by the bureau of environmental health or given by the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) or the Iowa Podiatric Medical Society (IPMS). Proof of attendance at such courses of study shall be retained for four years by the podiatry assistant and submitted to the board as further proof of compliance at the request of the board.

221.9(3) Late renewal. If the renewal fee is received by the board within 30 days after the renewal expiration date, a penalty fee is charged. If renewal fee is received more than 30 days after the renewal expiration date, the certificate is lapsed. An application for reinstatement must be filed with the board with the renewal fee and the penalty fee as outlined in rule 221.10(136C). Individuals who fail to submit the renewal application and complete documentation of continuing education hours shall be required to pay a penalty fee and shall be subject to an audit of their continuing education report.

221.9(4) Podiatry assistants who have not fulfilled the requirements for certificate renewal or an exemption in the required time frame will have a lapsed certificate and shall not engage in the practice of podiatric radiography. The holder of a certificate who fails to renew within five years after its expiration may obtain a renewal certificate only by following the procedures for application and testing provided in these rules.

221.9(5) The board may require recertification, qualification and clinical evaluation of a podiatry assistant holding a certificate in podiatric radiography if the board, in its discretion, believes such action is necessary for the protection of the public.